

*Specific for  
transmission  
through  
approved  
channels*

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*fill Lang* *Dr.*

201 Lang, Robert Edward

17 September 1943

JOB DESCRIPTION IN THE CASE OF ROBERT EDWARD LANG

*Assistant Officer in Charge*  
The applicant will be assigned to the Communications Branch of the Office of Strategic Services as Communications Officer in charge of Message Center installations throughout the North African Theater. *and WACS*

✓ The applicant will be responsible for operation of present Message Centers in the Theater, the preparation of new Centers as may be needed, the administration and control of enlisted personnel assigned to such centers, and installations of such cryptographic systems as may be necessary in coordination with Office of Strategic Services systems to other places and with policing the security thereof.

*background* The applicant is uniquely qualified for this assignment by reason of his specialized training of nineteen months as a civilian and as an enlisted man in the Communications Branch of the Office of Strategic Services. The applicant on this assignment has been assistant Chief of the Message Center in Washington and has been in full charge of all processing operations, supervision of personnel and to a large degree, the origination of policy. During this training the applicant has acquired specialized knowledge of the nature and peculiarities of OSS cryptographic systems and of the particular systems in use with individuals throughout the OSS cryptographic net. He will perform functions of the same type in the North Africa Theater as he is at present doing in Washington but will be in complete charge of all such operations in the Theater. *having 20*

*Then why officer is necessary - equipment - personnel - liaison*  
In accordance with the Directive of the Assistant Chief of Staff G-1, 9 March 1943, AG 210.1 (3-5-43) PR-A-A, Subject: Increase of Procurement Objective (Strategic Services), the following information is furnished:

*W* Applicant has been especially trained by the Office of Strategic Services for a period of nineteen months, and is destined for immediate assignment overseas.

There is not readily available in the Army an officer having the qualifications of the applicant for the assignment.



APPROVED FOR RELEASE  
DATE: 19-Aug-2009

G. EDWARD BUXTON,  
Acting Director,